

General Order

Houston Police Department



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500-16

REFERENCE: Supersedes all prior conflicting Circulars and Directives, and General Order 500-16, dated May 23, 2000

SUBJECT: REFERRAL OF DRIVERS FOR RE-EXAMINATION BY LICENSING AUTHORITY

POLICY

To enhance transportation safety, officers shall submit a *Law Enforcement Medical Evaluation Request* form when appropriate for motor vehicle operators.

This General Order applies to classified employees only.

PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES

A *Law Enforcement Medical Evaluation Request* form, available from the Vehicular Crimes Division, shall be completed by any officer who comes into contact with a motor vehicle operator who has a medical or psychological condition that could prevent safe operation of a motor vehicle. Examples of motor vehicle operators who

have or may have an unsafe driving condition include habitual abusers of alcohol or narcotics, epileptics, blind persons, and those who have been adjudged mentally incompetent and have not been restored to competency by a judicial decree or released from a hospital for the mentally incompetent.

Officers shall not confiscate the license of any such suspected driver. Only the licensing authority may revoke a license after investigation and review of the information supplied.

The completed *Law Enforcement Medical Evaluation Request* form shall be reviewed by an on-duty supervisor in the Vehicular Crimes Division and then forwarded to the Texas Department of State Health Services.


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